taken in the matter stating any time limit which has been fixed for it?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The purchase of PCs by Railways is a continuous process. Orders have already been issued to purchase Personal Computers having bilingual capacity. Certain powers to purchase Personal Computers (PCs) have also been delegated to the zonal railways and Production Units. A large number of PCs have already been purchased with bilingual facility. The facility of bilingual working has been provided either by the hardware or by software on the PCs being purchased.

Tenders for Procurement of Material for Railway Electrification

7861. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had invited tenders both from within the country and from foreign companies for procurement of material for railway electrification; and

(b) if so, the number of the bids received and finally approved?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Against 2 indigenous tenders opened during 1993-94 by Railway Ministry, 11 bids in all were received out of which 3 bids were finally approved for ordering.

Against 4 global tenders opened in 1993-94 by the Ministry, 34 bids in all were received. Out of these, 3 bids against 2 tenders have so far been finally approved for ordering.

ADB's refusal to finance the railway electrification proposal

7862. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ADB has rejected to finance the railway electrification proposal;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to implement the scheme from its own resources?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. Railway Electrification project has not been proposed to ADB for fresh loan.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Orders received for Passenger Coaches and Goods Wagons

7863. SHRI S. VILUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the total number of passenger coaches and goods wagons for which definite orders have been received during the current and the next financial year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Orders have been placed so far during the current financial year for manufacture of 8600 wagons in terms of four wheelers and 1610 Nos. of coaches including 210 Nos. of Electrical Multiple Units.

Orders for the next financial year will be processed after presentation of Railway Budget in Parliament for that year.